

said that "every American ought to have the right to be treated as he would wish to be treated, as one would wish his children to be treated. This is not the case." Throughout his illustrious career, TED KENNEDY has worked to ensure that all Americans are treated fairly, are treated with respect and dignity. His work in the Senate has helped us move forward as a people and Nation toward the vision of America that President Kennedy and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY spoke about with such eloquence. His effectiveness in forging bipartisan partnerships to advance the causes and issues he cares so much about is legendary. As the Majority Leader said, TED KENNEDY is the master of the principled compromise. In doing so, TED inspires those of us lucky enough to serve with him with his dedication, persistence and hard work, and he has earned the admiration, respect, and love of people across America.

As both a colleague and friend, no one is more generous with his time or considerate than Ted Kennedy. The senior Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and some of my colleagues mentioned that in some parts of their states being accused of voting too much like TED KENNEDY is a standard political reproach. In Hawaii, a comparison to TED KENNEDY is a badge of honor. In 1990, I was appointed to the Senate in May, and was campaigning for election in November. My race was extremely close, and the Senate was in session until the last week of October working on the Federal budget. Then President George H.W. Bush and other national leaders had come to the islands to campaign for my opponent. TED KENNEDY agreed to campaign with me in Hawaii right before the election. His appearance energized the voters, and sparked a surge in the polls that broke open a close race. In fact, on election night, TED KENNEDY was the first person to call with congratulations based on exit poll projections he had received.

In the history of the Senate, there have been few Senators whose record of accomplishments, whose hard work, whose contributions to building a more perfect Union, equals that of the senior Senator from Massachusetts. I am proud to serve with him in the Senate and fortunate to call him a friend. It is with the deepest admiration and profound aloha that I wish TED, hau'oli la hanau, a most Happy Birthday. May you have many more. God bless you.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred May 16, 1993 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Three gay men were brutally assaulted by five assailants. The attackers used bottles and an aluminum baseball bat to beat the victims.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, this week marks the 90th anniversary of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. With over 300,000 members and 1,500 chapters across the country, Hadassah is the largest women's and largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Over the last nine decades, its devoted members have exhibited the best of the American philanthropic and volunteer spirit in pursuing the organization's mission of a peaceful and secure Israel, a vital Jewish culture, and the Jewish imperative for social justice.

Today in Israel, Hadassah continues to add to a well-established humanitarian record that has fostered peace, understanding, and prosperity for all Israeli citizens. The Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) operates two hospitals, ninety outpatient clinics, and numerous community health centers that provide state of the art health care to 600,000 patients a year—regardless of race, religion, or creed. These medical facilities often treat the most critically wounded in the region's ongoing conflicts and the support they receive from Hadassah members allows them to save lives. The HMO reaches out beyond Israel, providing medical personnel and training during international health crises, enhancing the welfare of communities around the globe.

Here in United States, Hadassah's women's health and education initiatives have enhanced the health and well being of the American Jewish community and our Nation. Its informative awareness campaigns on breast cancer, osteoporosis, and eating disorders have empowered women of all ages to make healthy lifestyle decisions. Hadassah has strengthened American Jewish culture through sponsorship of Jewish and Hebrew educational classes and study groups.

Mr. President, for ninety years Hadassah has brought Jewish-American women together to explore their shared faith and connection to Israel. On this week of their 90th anniversary, I commend their good work and wish them many more years of success.

ERIC BERGOUST APPRECIATION

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Eric Bergoust, a dis-

tinguished freestyle skier from Missoula MT. At the age of 31, Eric has attained nearly every milestone that inspires athletes to achieve their dreams. He is an Olympic champion, a world champion, and has held numerous world records throughout his career. As impressive as his accomplishments are, the passion Eric has for his sport is truly remarkable. Passion shines brightest through innovations, and Eric has made many. He has landed unprecedented jumps throughout his career, and has developed a one-armed take off style that has opened up new possibilities to all freestyle skiers.

Like so many of his fellow Montanans, Eric has achieved great things through both his appreciation of the virtues of a will-do attitude and the determination to follow through on a task. These assets led Eric down the seemingly improbable path from a boy jumping off the roof of his house into a mattress pile, to a young man driving alone from Montana to Lake Placid with only makeshift skis and ten dollars in his pocket, to an Olympic and world champion. It has been exciting to see Eric accomplish so many things. But when I consider the determination and passion that have pushed Eric along, it has become clear that maybe his path really wasn't so improbable after all.

2002 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Black History Month, a 76-year tradition recognizing and celebrating the contributions of African-Americans throughout our history.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago in my home State of Illinois, before continuing his studies at Harvard University and the Sorbonne in Paris. Since African-American history had barely begun to be studied or even documented, Dr. Woodson established what is now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and founded the Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he started Negro History Week and chose the second week of February because it marks the birthdays of two men who have had a great impact on African-Americans: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Woodson and those who have followed him, we now celebrate the outstanding achievements of African-Americans past and present during the entire month of February.

Illinois has a rich African-American legacy. Gwendolyn Brooks was the first African-American poet to win the Pulitzer Prize, and in 1968, she was named the poet laureate of Illinois. In 1985-86, she was the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress and focused her efforts on encouraging elementary school students to write poetry.